Include Message ("IM") Action

As you can see from the list of message action codes (Table 3: Action Codes—Messages in this chapter), when you are sending a message, you can use the Include Message action code ("IM") to include a response or any combination of responses from another message in your message.

There are two ways you can use the Include Message action.

The first way to use this action is when you are creating a new message. You can include replies from another message when you originate a message using the Send a Message action from the MailMan menu. For example, suppose you wish to send a new message in which you refer to another message and to the responses to that message and you want to include some part(s) of that message. You want to start a new message, not simply add a reply to a previous message.

From the main MailMan menu, choose S for Send a Message, begin the message, then save the message text and close the editor. Next enter the addressees of the message. At the Transmit Now prompt, type "IM" for Include Message, as in the example below.

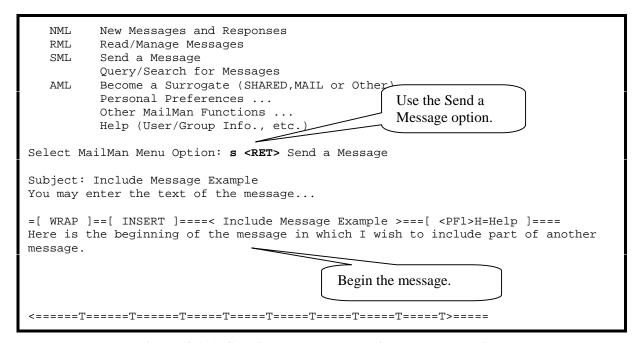


Figure 68-A 1: Creating a new message to include a message in

Figure 68-A1 (continued)

This is what you see when you save the message text and close the editor. MailMan prompts you for the addressees of your message.

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Send mail to: MAGENTA, MICHAL//
                               MAGENTA, MICHAL
Select basket to send to: IN// <RET>
And Send to: 9999 FUCHSIA, GARY M.
                                   (DUZ 9999) INFORMATION SYSTEMS CENTER
    Last used MailMan: 02 Sep 00 12:28
         If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.
                                                    Type IM for Include
        ...OK? Yes// <RET> (Yes)
                                                    Message.
Select Message option: Transmit now// im Include responses from another Message
Include responses from which message: (11630-1420279): 1419307 Local: biweekly
info exchange message # 44
There are 4 responses. Response 0 is the original message. (?? shows index)
Select the responses to include: ??
                                              Index shows responses.
There are 4 responses. Response 0 is the original
Response.....From....
 0) 18 Sep 00 POSTMASTER
1) 18 Sep 00 BLUE, THOM - COMPUTER SPECIALIST CIOFO-SF
                                                                      4
 2) 26 Sep 00 FUSCHIA, GARY M - PROGRAMMER
                                                                      2
                                        (CIOFO-SF)
 3) 26 Sep 00 MAGENTA, MICHAL - Tech Writer (Vista Maintenance Team)
                                                                      3
 4) 26 Sep 00 SILVER, SKIP - PROGRAMMER
                                       (CIOFO-SF)
Select the responses to include: 1
Copying...
                                            Select responses to include.
You may edit the text of the message...
=[ WRAP ]==[ INSERT ]===< Include Message Example >===[ <PF1>H=Help ]===
Here is the beginning of the message in which I wish to include part of another
message.
In the message:
>Subj: Local: biweekly info exchange message # 44 [#1419307]
>From: POSTMASTER
>Sent: 18 Sep 00 06:00
On 18 Sep 00 12:08 (Response #1) BLUE, THOM wrote:
>We need to replace a housing in the Alpha disk drives. It's scheduled
>tomorrow @ 4pm. I believe we have a way of doing it without taking down
>the system but if it doesn't work, the system will be down for 45 min - 1
>hr.
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Figure 68-A 2: Including a message in a new message

When MailMan asks, "Include responses from which message," type the message number. MailMan returns the message subject and the number of responses, and tells you that ?? (double question marks) will display the message index. Type ?? and the index lists the responses and respondents in order. You need only select the responses to include and MailMan copies them to your message.



Notice that you can edit the text of the message you have copied into your message.

The second way to use this action is when you are replying to an existing message. When you are answering a message, you can include responses from another message by using the Reply and Include responses ("RI") action code. The "RI" command enables you to include responses from one message when you are replying to another message. See the Reply and Include responses action code in this chapter for a detailed description and an example.

Reading/Managing Messages—Individual Messages